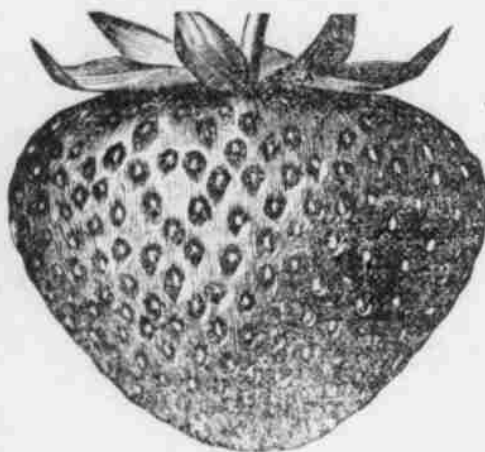


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## NEW MISSIONARIES ARE PRESENTED

Large Audience Deeply Interested in Address by Miss Ting, Chinese Girl—Mrs. W. T. Elmore of India and Others Speak Impressively.

The afternoon and evening sessions of the meeting of the New England district of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society were attended by many more than were present at the opening session yesterday morning. The auditorium of the First Baptist church was filled at the afternoon session and in the evening the balcony as well as the floor was well filled.

Both sessions were very interesting. The principal address in the afternoon was by Mrs. Elisabeth G. Hall, who has been 23 years a missionary in Africa. In the evening there was the interesting feature of having presented the young women who are to go out as missionaries with the added attraction of an especially interesting talk by Miss Ting of China, a student at present in Mount Holyoke college, and an address on India by Mrs. W. T. Elmore, a missionary a number of years in that country. The evening session was a young women's meeting with Miss Florence E. Walworth a granddaughter of Mary L. Colby, the first president of the Woman's Baptist Missionary society, presiding.

The afternoon session was opened at 2 o'clock with prayer by Mrs. Charles Young of Newton Center, Mass., Miss Grace T. Colburn, also of Newton Center, gave the report of the home vice president of the society. This showed that 36 campaign meetings had been held during the year and that about \$2,000 in pledges was attributable almost entirely to the result of those meetings. Miss Elisabeth Armstrong of Newton Center, home correspondent who had charge of arrangements for meetings at which missionaries spoke, arranged for 390 such meetings during the year.

The New England district has about 300 churches giving to foreign missions and five of the large churches exceeded their apportionment, as did some of the smaller churches. It was moved, and the motion was carried, to have the report printed.

This report was followed by the reports of the state secretaries, Mrs. Annie Cobb Smith of Saco, Me., state secretary for western Maine, reported that they had not quite met their apportionment but that 71 per cent of the 79 per cent of contributing churches had met their apportionment. There were 23 non-contributing churches. Mrs. Hugh Ross Hatch, state secretary for eastern Maine, reported that the churches in her district were short about \$440 of their apportionment of \$2,072.50 but that, considering all resources, they had \$28.75 more than the apportionment. There is need of an organizer of mission societies in her district.

Mrs. J. Stewart Campbell of New Boston, N. H., reported for the state secretary, that the number of individual contributors to the foreign mission cause had increased during the year but that the apportionment had not been met entirely.

The report for Vermont was read by the presiding officer, the president, Mrs. F. E. Crawford, in the absence of the state secretary, Miss Ada A. Brigham of Bennington, who had been called from town the night before and had not been able to get back in time for the meeting. This report showed that of the 55 mission circles 51 had met their apportionments and 14 had exceeded them. The Brattleboro society had contributed \$505 and the Pownal society had more than doubled the apportionment.

Mrs. Charles S. Young of Newton, Mass., state secretary for eastern Massachusetts, reported 220 churches of 150 mission circles in her district. Of the circles 78 had raised the amount of their apportionments and 39 had exceeded them.

Miss Phin M. Whipple of Pittsfield, Mass., state secretary for western Massachusetts, reported that the average contributions per member had fallen off during the past year but the number of circles had increased and there is promise of much improvement this year.

Mrs. Joseph L. Peacock of Westerly, R. I., state secretary, reported that her state had not met the apportionment although contributing \$300 more than ever before.

Mrs. J. B. Kent of Putnam, Conn., state secretary, reported 22 circles in 37 churches and a steadily increasing interest in mission work.

The president announced that Mrs. Caroline Atwater Mason of Beverly, Mass., author of the new study book, World Missions and World Peace, was unable to be present because of illness and that Mrs. Henry W. Peabody of Beverly would speak in her stead.

Mrs. Peabody said that there should be unusual interest in the book at this time because it is printed in Brattleboro, where the annual meeting is being held, and is printed here because of the fact that excellent printing is obtainable in Brattleboro at a moderate price. She spoke of the illness of the author and said that she was born a Quaker and married a Baptist minister and began her labors as a pastor's wife in a little country church.

Her first great work was the writing of a second study book and since then she had written numerous books.

She told of the immense amount of study and work that had been required to compile and write the book and describe its theme as showing the contrast between the conquest for Christianity and the present earthly contest between human kings.

She then spoke of the five year program which closes in 1921, which is the year when the Woman's Foreign Mission society celebrates its jubilee. The five-year program means five years of special effort to obtain a 15 per cent increase in all lines of Baptist endeavor. Mrs. Peabody is the national vice president of the society and chairman of the central committee of united study.

The talk on Missions in the Sunday schools, which was to have been given next by Miss Elisabeth Armstrong of Newton Center, Mass., was transferred to the calendar of today's events and Mrs. H. A. Henderson of Burma, spoke on What Hasselstine House Means. This, she explained, is a home in Newton Center, where those preparing for the missionary field may meet returning missionaries, Chinese girls who are studying in this country in the East, made their homes there last summer.

Mrs. Hall then gave her address on Our Black Pansies. This was a very much worth-while tale based on 23 years of experience as a missionary in Africa. Mrs. Hall said that she was a New Englander, being a member of the Warren Avenue Baptist church of Boston. In the Congo Free State, that part of Africa in which she is stationed, there are 900,000 square miles and an estimated population of 30 millions. There are 10 mission stations and 45 missionaries. She said that it costs \$25 a year to educate a girl there. Dramatically she told of laboring with the sick while herself suffering from fever; of the sufferers from sleeping sickness, leprosy; of the day school where the pupils in which there are 12 native assistants and of many incidents that go to make up the daily life of the missionary. And she told them so that her auditors listened with strict attention. The session closed with prayer by Mrs. Hugh Ross Hatch of Fairfield, Me.

Before the evening session Miss Letta Stewart, organist of the Baptist church, gave a short organ recital. About 50 young women of Brattleboro marched in singing a processional hymn at 7:30 and took seats on the platform. Miss Ada A. Brigham of Bennington read Scripture and prayer was offered by Miss Harriet O. Hunt of Newton Center.

Miss Marion L. Clapp of Brookline, New England secretary for young people's work, told of the World Wide Guild in the New England district, saying that it was almost a year old and was the result of the correlation of young people's mission work. The white rose has been adopted as the guild flower. There are 118 guilds in the New England district of which 46 are in Massachusetts, 26 in Connecticut, 18 in Maine, 11 in New Hampshire, 10 in Rhode Island and 7 in Vermont.

Miss Walworth, the chairman, then presented the young women who are soon to leave as missionaries in foreign countries, each of whom acknowledged the introduction and spoke briefly of their hopes and desires and expressed gratitude at being able to go to the mission work.

Miss Clara C. Leach of Fairfield (Vt.), a graduate of the University of Vermont, is to go to China. Miss Ethel Boggs, a graduate of Northfield seminary and of the New England Baptist hospital and a daughter of Dr. Boggs, a missionary in India, is to go to that country to join her family.

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Miss Helen W. Munroe of Cambridge, Mass., who has been the foreign vice president of the New England district and before that was interested and active many years in missionary work, a graduate of Radcliffe college and for some years a teacher in the Cambridge Latin school, is to go to Japan as a self supporting missionary.

Miss Elsa Freeze of Philadelphia, who has been chief nurse in the Atlantic City hospital and operating nurse in other hospitals, is to go to China as a nurse.

Miss Ting of China, at present a student in Mount Holyoke college and who is to go to Ann Arbor, Mich., to study medicine, was introduced to speak of China's Opportunity for Chinese Young Women.

This young woman won the instant attention of her audience and presented impressively a view of conditions in China from the viewpoint of a native girl, a picture of present conditions in her home land and a perspective of what the future has in store.

She said that one of the honors to be conferred upon the United States is the awakening of the old China and the making of the new China directly by the students from that country who are doing creditable work in the institutions in the western land.

The opportunity for educational work in her land is tremendous. Following the twentieth of the 400 millions of population are of school age and one teacher for every 40 pupils it means that there is opportunity for one million students to become teachers. The United States is proud of the fact that this country is providing educational opportunities for 500,000 in the Philippines, but this is insignificant to the task that confronts China.

In the old China children were taught things without reasons being given and teachers in the new China must be different. In the new schools a strong feeling of piety has been developed, but not without reason. China wants new teachers who will be able to keep discipline and teach things for which they are able to explain.

Medical work is open especially to the women. Statistics show that the population increases in China 20,000 every 28 months in spite of the plague and floods and famine. There are only a few women physicians in China, the speaker knowing of less than 10 women graduates of western medical schools now practicing in China. She said the women in China are unwilling to expose themselves to the treatment of native male physicians.

Speaking of the social conditions, she said that the thing she envied American girls the most for was their home life. Freedom in the home in China is

lacking. She said that nothing a Chinese girl ever does is given a word of praise in the home.

Chinese students in this country have been misrepresented because of the coolie class who came here, not because they wanted to come, but because the United States invited them to come. The fact that in recent years the number of Chinese students in this country is increasing shows the valuation placed by new China upon the educational opportunities offered by the United States and the veneration in which this country is held there. There are 800 Chinese students in this country exclusive of those in grammar schools and academies. These will be the future leaders of China. What kind of leaders they are going to be depends upon Americans. They are here to get the best that can be given them and are very grateful to be received in the institutions.

Mrs. Henry W. Peabody spoke briefly of her knowledge of China and association with Chinese girls who are students in this country and referred to the conferences to be held in Springfield, Mass., this summer.

The keynote of Mrs. Elmore's address on India, where she has been a missionary, was that the law of caste is gradually being broken down and this has been the greatest handicap to the establishing of Christianity in that country. India is a land of contradictions and extremes; of wonderful philosophy and the densest darkness; a land where the high caste people claim to be ultra clean and yet where there is unmentionable filth; the land of the most beautiful building in the world and yet of naked, dirty people. The people believe in one supreme being

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## V. N. G. PLANS.

Officers' School at Northfield and Regimental March to State Fair.

First Lieut. J. C. Waterman, U. S. A., inspector-instructor of the Vermont National Guard, will move his headquarters from Burlington to Northfield about the first of next month, in order that he may be located near the colonel of the regiment, President Ira L. Reeves of Norwich university. Sergeant Instructor Charles Steele, U. S. A., who has been at the Burlington headquarters for some time, will also go to Northfield.

The summer plans for the Vermont National Guard include an officers' school, which will be conducted at Northfield from July 1 to 10 by Lieutenant Waterman. Instead of the usual camp on the state reservation near Fort Ethan Allen, a practice march of the entire regiment from Bethel to White River Junction and elaborate maneuvers at the state fair in September. Major George E. Carpenter of Northfield has been appointed captain and Captain W. P. Springer of Northfield, coach of the state rifle team, which will participate in the national rifle tournament next fall. The team will be picked by a series of elimination shoots during the summer and fall, the final selection being postponed until just before the tournament.

Lieutenant Waterman has been especially busy in conducting his correspondence school for the officers of the Vermont National Guard. The three classes which are now taking the courses will be increased to four next year, and the courses will probably be lengthened and intensified.

## BERNSTORFF HAS A PLAN.

Cables Suggestions Offering Basis for Peaceful Settlement.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, in response to a request from the Berlin foreign office, has cabled suggestions for a course in the submarine crisis which he believes will avert a break with the United States.

The ambassador also sent by wireless a message to his government asking that no action be taken until his cable message has been received. The request from the foreign office for the ambassador's suggestions contained the statement that Germany was prepared to go to great lengths to prevent a rupture.

The fact that there has been such an exchange of despatches between the embassy and Berlin was confirmed today, but nothing in detail was disclosed as to the contents.

It is considered probable that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, took with him, when he left Berlin Tuesday to visit the Emperor at grand headquarters, despatches containing the recommendations of the ambassador. As the round trip between Berlin and the headquarters requires forty hours and the chancellor must have time to confer with the Emperor and other officials there, it is considered unlikely that definite word of the intentions of the German government can reach the United States before the end of the week.

## SHOOTS GIRL, NOT GERMANS.

Canadian Soldier's Demonstration with Pistol Fatal to Daughter.

TORONTO, April 27.—Dom Gent, 16 years old, was shot and instantly killed in Riverside barracks by her stepfather, John Gent, officer's orderly in the 83rd Battalion. Investigation showed that the shooting was accidental. With several members of the family, the girl visited the barracks to bid farewell to her stepfather, who is shortly going overseas. In the officers' quarters, Gent picked up an automatic pistol, and saying that he would show her how he was going to kill Germans, pointed the weapon at her and pulled the trigger. The weapon was discharged and the girl fell dead, shot through the head. Gent was overcome by the tragedy and was unable to make any other statement to the police or the regimental officers, but the authorities believe that the shooting was accidental. Gent is being held pending further investigation.

## RICH GOLD STRIKE REPORTED.

Hundreds of Alaskan Miners Hurrying to Innoko District.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 27.—Another rich gold strike has been made in Alaska according to reports from the interior. Hundreds of miners are hurrying from Fairbanks, Koyukuk, Iditarod, Kuskoowik and other points in Boob and Tostoi creeks in the Innoko district, where the pay streaks have been found. Three shafts yielding 82 to the cubic foot were reported from Boob creek.

## WILMINGTON.

Roland Wheeler was in North Adams Monday.

Miss Kathryn Barlow is working for J. Barcelona.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Ring spent Easter in North Adams.

Mrs. Joan Newton was in town the first of the week.

Mrs. Jane Rodway is working at Mrs. H. F. Barber's.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Butterfield are visiting in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Boyd visited in Brattleboro last week.

Lee Titus and Percy Haskins were in North Adams Saturday.

Miss Letha Haven was in North Adams Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. W. G. Carrington returned Monday from a visit in New York.

Mrs. O. O. Ware is visiting her sister in Connecticut a few weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. L. T. Page spent Thursday and Saturday in North Adams.

D. H. Round of Cuba is attending school here and boarding at the Tavern.

Clifford Farrington has moved to the farm he recently bought of Hal Stetson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fox are ill, Mrs. Fox with grip and Mr. Fox with jaundice.

Elbie Pike has bought the two tenement house on School street of Frank Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed of Monroe Bridge were in town Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Samuel Mayhew and Mrs. Edward Saffrank were in North Adams Monday.

F. E. Sawyer, superintendent of schools, was in town Thursday and Friday.

G. A. Brown was in North Adams Monday superintending the selling of some horses.

Edward Putnam of North Adams spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Putnam.

Mrs. Wayne Carner entertained her Sunday school class of 12 young women Saturday afternoon.

Miss Jennie Davidson went Tuesday to West Wardboro to spend two weeks with her parents.

Mrs. Arthur Kingsbury of Whitingham was a guest of Mrs. Gertrude Kingsley recently.

Rehearsals for The Arrival of Kitty, to be given by the seniors of the high school, are being held.

Eight persons were received into the Baptist church by baptism Sunday by Rev. J. Wesley Rafter.

C. W. Bond returned Thursday from Canaan, N. H., where he had been working three months.

Mrs. Murray Harris of West Dover visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cook, a few days recently.

Mrs. John Austin of Brattleboro visited her daughter, Mrs. Charles Waters, a few days the past week.

Charles Sumner was called to Stamford last week on account of the illness of his father, Hoyt Sumner.

Mrs. Samuel Kessler has come from North Adams, and Mr. Kessler has rented one of J. Barcelona's tenements.

Harry Miller and Mr. Edwards of Brattleboro are doing the plaster work in the tenements over the garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stapleton of Woodstock, N. H., were guests of Mrs. Stapleton's son, Bernard Wilder, recently.

A special train was run from Wilmington to Readsboro Sunday for those who wished to attend the Roman Catholic Easter services.

Miss Jessie Follett and friend, Miss Frances Blumner of Monroe Bridge, visited at Miss Follett's home over Easter.

Several persons attended the sugar cat in the Congregational church vestry Friday evening, which was given by the Y. P. S. C. E.

Mr. and Mrs. George Newton of Mountain Mills entertained a few friends Saturday evening at a dance. Refreshments were served.

George Streeter carried a load of goods and several carpenters to Dover to what is known as the Handle, where some buildings are being erected.

Betty and Esther White, who were with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William White, a few weeks, have returned to their home in Readsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kelland and son, Horace, are visiting relatives and friends in Detroit and Cleveland. During their absence their home is being remodeled, C. W. Terrill being the contractor.

Mrs. Eli Porter, Mrs. Nathan Green and Mrs. W. W. Follett entertained 26 women at 500 Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Follett. The affair was an Easter party. Mrs. C. S. Barnard made the high score and Mrs. A. H. Wright the low score.

## SOUTH HALIFAX.

M. C. Harris finished work as lister Monday.

Harry Murdoch is very ill in the home of Fred May, jr.

Fred May, jr., made a business trip to Greenfield Saturday.

Archie Worden returned to his work in Colrain Sunday.

D. E. and M. C. Harris were in Wilmington Tuesday buying cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Pratt visited his sister, Mrs. Charles Worden, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Mitchell were in North Adams recently to consult Prof. Howe.

D. E. Harris is claphounding his house, Bert Culver of Jacksonville is doing the work.

Everett Williams visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Williams, in Jacksonville last week.

Dr. Mather was called to attend Mrs. Janet Stone Monday. She is ill with grip and complications.

Mrs. Frank Upton is very ill with a throat trouble. Dr. Crane is attending her. She has a trained nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fairbanks returned home Saturday, after a two-weeks' stay in Elm Grove, Mass.

Miss Agnes Harris and Forest Stone of Arms academy are spending the week's vacation with their parents.

Mrs. Abbie Sprague went to Newfane Monday to join her husband at the home of Mrs. Alice Prouty Wood.

C. F. Clark was called to Bondville Monday. His son, Harry, met with an accident that day, cutting a gash above the eye.

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## WEST HALIFAX.

Those who are ill except Mr. Jones, are gaining.

Mrs. Henry Allen of Wilmington is with her sister, Mrs. A. C. Jones, a few days.

A. C. Jones is ill. A trained nurse from Brattleboro came Tuesday to care for him.

There will be a church sociable in the Universalist church May 3. A fish dinner will be served at noon. Everybody is invited.

Mrs. Mabel Prouty has gone to Northfield, where she has a position for the present. She has taken her son, Berton, with her.

George Hill's steam saw mill was burned Friday morning. The fire was discovered about 2 a. m. Nothing was saved from the mill but a little of the lumber was saved. There was but little insurance on the mill, so it was nearly a total loss. The origin of the fire is not known.